applicable. As the pension formula takes note of actual emoluments no fitment weightage has been given on the basic pay drawn in the pre-revised scale.

(b) The revised pension sanctioned to employees who super-annuated between January and September 1996 after introduction of the new scales is in no case less than the original basic pension sanctioned to them based on pre-revised scales.

(c) The issue of pensions computation of Government servants retiring between January and September 1996 is presently under examination of the Government.

Problems due to surplus staff

2716. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether surplus staff is problem faced by some wings of the Central Government Department and PSUs;

(b) if so, what are those departments, number of surplus staff, cadre-wise;

(c) whether specific package for their voluntary retirement or reabsorbtion has been formulated;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHRA RAJE): (a) and (b) As per central Civil Services (Redeployment of Surplus Staff) Rules, 1990, a surplus staff, surplus employee or employees means the Central Civil Servants (other than those employed on adhoc, casual, or work-charged or contract basis) who are permament or, if temporary, have rendered not less than five years' regular continuous service and have been rendered surplus alongwith their posts from the Ministries, Department, Office of the Government of India, as a result of the administrative and financial reforms, studies of work measurement or abolition or winding up either in whole or in part of an organisation of the Central Government. The surplus Central Civil Servants are being redeployed in terms of the Scheme/ Rules on surplus staff suitably in various Central Government Offices since 1966. The Public Sector Undertakings do not come under the purview of the aforesaid Rules.

(c) to (e) Central Government servants who are declared surplus are redeployed in suitable posts under the existing scheme/rules for redeployment of Surplus Staff. A surplus employee who has rendered 15 years of qualifying service can seek voluntary retirement under rule 29 of the CCS (Pension) Rules, and get the benefit of 5 years of added service. Further a surplus employee can also seek premature retirement available under rule 48 and 48-A of the CCS (Pension) Rules and under the various clauses of FR-56.

कुछ मंत्रालयों के विरुद्ध कार्यवाही करने के लिए केन्द्रीय सतर्कता आयोग की सलाह

2717. **श्री कपिल सिब्बल:**
श्री राज मोहिन्दर सिंह:

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि केन्द्रीय सतर्कता आयोग ने गत वर्ष 1998 में देश में सरकार के विभिन्न मंत्रालयों व विभागों के अधिकारियों के विरुद्ध कार्यवाही करने की सलाह दी थी;

(ख) यदि हां, तो आयोग ने कुल कितने मामलों में कार्यवाही करने की सलाह दी थी तथा किस-किस मंत्रालय से कितने-कितने मामले जुड़े हैं;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि इन मामलों में तुरन्त कार्यवाही करने की बजाय छः महीने बाद कार्यवाही की गई; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो सलाह दिए गए इन मामलों में कितने विलम्ब से कार्यवाही की गई और विलम्ब के क्या कारण थे?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और कार्मिक, लोक-शिकायत तथा पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती वसुन्धरा राजे): (क) से (घ) भारत सरकार के मंत्रालयों/विभागों से यह अपेक्षा की जाती है कि वे केन्द्रीय सतर्कता-आयोग की सलाह के अनुसार कार्य करें। फिर भी, भारत सरकार के मंत्रालय/विभागों द्वारा केन्द्रीय सतर्कता-आयोग की सलाह के नहीं माने जाने के मामले उक्त आयोग की वार्षिक रिपोर्ट में दर्शाए जाते हैं। अभी केन्द्रीय-सतर्कता-आयोग से वर्ष, 1998 की वार्षिक रिपोर्ट प्राप्त नहीं हुई है।

Repair of Storage Tank by IOC

2718. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government have been drawn to news-item captioned "Demurrage costs rising due to IOC's lapse" as reported in the Hindustan Times, dated the 4th January, 1999.

(b) if so, whether the IOC have not undertaken any timely repairs of storage tanks resulting loss of revenue;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to check such lapses by Oil Companies in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Out of total 1932 tanks at marketing terminals, installations and Depots of Indian Oil Corporation only 51 tanks are at present out of service for repair and maintenance.

(d) Import of Petroleum Products is planned having regard to the processing schedule of refineries, the monthly demand pattern within the country and the need to maintain strategic inventory levels. The oil industry incurs demurrage partly due to non-availability of berth/ullage and partly due to requirement of keeping some inventory floating in the High Seas. With a view to optimise utilisation of available port infrastructure and to achieve reduction in the detention of the tankers, a number of steps have been initiated by the oil industries. These interalia, include commissioning of two virtual jetties at Kandla, offshore literage of product import tankers at Kandla, commissioning of Kandla — Bhatinda pipeline/augmentation of tankage at coastal locations, commissioning of second SBM at Vadinar etc.

Scheme for Distribution of kerosene at Block Level

2719. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a new scheme for distribution of kerosene at block levels through appointment of unemployed youths as dealers under P.M's Self Employment Scheme;

(b) if so, furnish details thereof alongwith targets for 1999-2000 alongwith marketing plans for districts of Vidarbha region in Maharashtra; and

(c) the deails of implementation of normal marketing plan for kerosene, gas and petroleum products of oil companies in Vidarbha and reasons for delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Recently Government has launched Prime Minister's Self Employment Scheme of oil compaines under which, oil companies will set up at least one SKO dealership in each develoment block of the country. Accordingly, oil companies have planned around 5700 SKO/LDO retail dealerships for all over the country. 298 locations have been identified for Maharashtra including for Vidharbha Region of Maharashta. These dealership are planned to be commissioned during 1999-2000.